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JOHN RANDOLPH BUTTS WINNER

In the Battle for the Mayoralty Nomination.

HIS WAS A DECIDED VICTORY.

As He Led Mr. Maxwell, the Second Man. Over Six Hundred Votes—Captain Bennett, for Chief of Police, and Charles Watkins, for City Clerk, were Easy Winners—Norrington and Crockett Had a Close Fight for Wharfmaster, which was Won by the Former—Several Ties for Councilmen—The Ticket is a Strong One, and will be a Winner.

The Ticket.

Mayor—John Randolph Butts.
City Clerk—Charles H. Watkins.
City Sergeant—Thomas D. Bennett.
Wharfmaster—John W. Norrington.
Council Nominees:
First ward—First branch, John K. List.
Second branch, John H. Kindelberger.
Benjamin Connolly, Daniel Arndt and Charles H. Berry.
Second ward—Morris Horkheimer, Second branch, Fred Meyers, Jr., Samuel Uetlin, George B. McDonald.
Third ward—First branch, W. H. Haller.
Second branch, John Beckert, H. W. Fair and M. A. Chew.
Fourth ward—First branch, Martin Pebler.
Second branch, Daniel West, Thomas G. Britt, Charles Steinhauser and Harry Jones (tie).
Fifth ward—First branch, Charles F. Bachman.
Second branch, William Nesbitt, J. D. McFadden and William H. Buecy.
Sixth ward—First branch, W. J. Cooke and Henry Kern (tie).
Second branch, John C. Medick, Charles Moore, Charles Earp, J. H. Rosenberg and Jacob Retzer.
Seventh ward—First branch, William Baird.
Second branch, William M. Higgins, Dr. W. P. Mcgrail and George Bradbury.
Eighth ward—First branch, Fred C. Williams.
Second branch, J. R. Travis, R. W. Miller, David Hahne and William Knoke.

Executive Committee.
First ward—John Rodenbaugh.
Second ward—John W. Kindelberger.
Third ward—W. H. Hornish.
Fourth ward—Raymond Bauer.
Fifth ward—Charles H. Henning.
Sixth ward—O. E. Reed.
Seventh ward—W. C. Ezler.
Eighth ward—Frank Edele.

The Republican municipal primary election was held Saturday and the showing made is magnificent. Never before was such a large vote polled at a municipal contest for nominations. Nearly 5,000 votes were cast, about 1,000 more than was anticipated by the party men who made estimates of the probable vote, before the primary election took place. It had been thought 1,200 or 1,300 votes would be sufficient to nominate the candidate for mayor who was fortunate enough to secure them, but as the accompanying table—which gives the details of the vote in comprehensive form—shows, one candidate received over 1,300 votes and was over 600 votes behind the gentleman who carried off the plum.

Last spring a great deal was said by Democrats and by their organ about the large vote cast at the county primary election of the Republicans when some 6,300 votes were cast. It was alleged that that vote represented more than the Republican strength in the county. When the Republicans cast over 6,700 votes at the November election the Democrats still claimed the April primary election vote was too large. Now that the city alone shows nearly 5,000 Republican votes at the party primaries, it is being generally conceded by Democrats that the Republican strength in the city and county has been greatly augmented since 1892.

The result was a surprise in several particulars. It was not thought by Mr. Butts' most ardent supporters that he would come within forty-nine votes of reaching the 2,000 mark, or that he would lead the second man in the race for the mayoralty nomination by over 600 votes. Yet he accomplished this, making his victory a most pronounced one. Those of Squire Schultz's supporters who said before the election that he would be a dangerous factor, predicted correctly, for he was third in the race, and not far behind Mr. Maxwell, who finished in second position. Mr. Connel's vote was disappointingly

REPUBLICAN MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION, DEC. 12, 1896.

Candidates.	First ward.	Second ward.	Third ward.	Fourth ward.	Fifth ward.	Sixth ward.	Seventh ward.	Eighth ward.	Grand Total.	Majority.
Mayor.										
J. W. Schultze.....	60	121	138	145	147	147	131	128	1120	634
J. P. Maxwell.....	131	121	138	145	147	147	131	128	1120	
J. R. Butts.....	131	121	138	145	147	147	131	128	1120	
C. W. Connolly.....	47	89	138	145	147	147	131	128	820	
City Clerk.										
J. G. Leasure.....	157	252	263	265	265	265	243	243	1435	
C. H. Watkins.....	243	252	263	265	265	265	243	243	1435	
Chief of Police.										
S. K. Johnson.....	101	45	6	45	116	116	84	128	585	
T. D. Bennett.....	450	411	125	50	46	28	274	190	1230	
Wharfmaster.										
A. A. Everitt.....	121	121	138	145	147	147	131	128	820	
J. W. Norrington.....	121	121	138	145	147	147	131	128	820	

small, compared with the estimates made by his managers last week. In fact, it was smaller than the vote he was conceded by the other candidates for the nomination.

For city clerk, the nomination of Mr. Watkins was considered certain, and his managers were not surprised at the magnitude of his majority over Mr. Leasure. The same is true of Captain Bennett. Although his only opponent, Mr. Johnson, made an active canvass it was generally conceded that Bennett would be nominated and receive the largest majority of the lot. His vote completely overshadowed that given the other contestant for the chief of police nomination. There was a very close fight between Messrs. Norrington and Crockett for wharfmaster, in which the present wharfmaster came out in the lead by a majority upwards of 300.

The polls opened at 11 a. m. and closed at 7 p. m. Early in the afternoon it was seen that a very large vote was to be polled, and in several of the wards arrangements were made for counting the vote during the day. This was done in the Second, Seventh, Sixth and Fifth wards. At the other voting places the count began after the polls closed, and for this reason the result was not known in detail after 4 o'clock yesterday morning. At 2 o'clock a. m. three wards were still out, the First, Third and both precincts of the Eighth. The Third was completed at 3 o'clock and the two precincts in the Eighth were reported to City Clerk Dannenberg at 3:30 a. m. The First ward was the last to report, coming in by telephone at 4 a. m.

When the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh wards had made returns, it was conceded on all sides that Mr. Butts had been nominated, and after that it was only a question as to the size of his majority and the identity of the candidate who would be second in the race. Some thought that Squire Schultz, who had carried the Sixth ward so handsomely, would come out of the Eighth with enough votes to wrest second place from Mr. Maxwell. This, however, he was not able to do, Mr. Maxwell having 200 more votes than the Eighth ward candidate.

Throughout the night there was a large crowd at the city building, eager to listen to the returns as they came in. When the First reported at 4 o'clock, there were still twenty or thirty of the faithful on hand, and they were stayers who would have remained hours longer, if necessary. Many Democrats were there, too, and all of them were dismayed at the size of the Republican primary election vote. Such a vote as that of Saturday does not make Democratic chances in the coming election very bright. It is not considered likely that the Democrats will be able to get out nearly so large a vote at their coming primary election.

All of the defeated candidates took their defeat in good nature and expressed their intention to support the successful candidates with all earnestness and loyalty. There is little or no bad feeling as a result of the contest for the nominations.

VOTE FOR COUNCIL.

Several Ties are to be Settled by the City Committee.

In the vote for councilmen there are two ties which will be settled by the city committee by the drawing of straws by the candidates. In the Sixth ward, Messrs. Kern and Cooke are tied for the first branch nomination, and in the Fourth ward, Messrs. Steinhauser and Jones have the same number of votes for second branch of council.

The vote for councilmen and for city executive committee was as follows:

First Ward.
First branch council—John K. List, 121; James H. Riddle, 270; List nominated.
Second branch council—J. H. Wells,

162; Daniel Arndt, 197; C. H. Henry, 194; J. P. Kindelberger, 223; W. H. McGee, 155; Benjamin Barlow, 108; William Ball, 33; C. S. Brilles, 155; H. R. Drabbe, 42; Henry Kalbitzer, 102; Thomas Swayne, Jr., 62; Benjamin Connolly, 204; William McK. Day, 57; R. E. Shaffer, 88; John G. Habbertfield, 78; J. H. Fox, 147; Arndt, Berry, Kindelberger and Connolly nominated.
City committee—John Rodenbaugh, 550.

Second Ward.
First branch council—Morris Horkheimer, 418.

Second branch council—Fred Meyers, Jr., 309; D. J. Lewis, 139; D. W. Martin, 92; Samuel Uetlin, 234; Hugh Sterling, 120; F. M. Milligan, 162; David Goodfriend, 119; J. L. Hawley, 165; I. W. Ames, 73; Samuel Graves, 57; A. W. Rader, 31; G. B. McDonald, 161; John Willis, 47; Jacob Leese, 163; C. W. Dittman, 41; W. H. Sylvie, 11; Meyers, Uetlin and McDonald nominated.
City committee—J. W. Kindelberger, 618.

Third Ward.
First branch council—W. H. Haller, 490; Richard Fair, 174; Haller nominated.

Second branch council—John Beckert, 225; M. A. Chew, 239; M. R. Hobbs, 202; H. W. Fair, 230; Louis Gutman, 212; Charles Harknack, 132; Joseph L. Rhee, 65; A. T. Hopp, 75; A. R. Campbell, 39; S. S. McLane, 128; W. J. Bodley, 97; Beckert, Chew and Fair nominated.
City committee—W. H. Hornish, 370; W. H. Cassell, 200; Hornish elected.

Fourth Ward.
First branch council—Martin Pebler, 470.

Second branch council—Charles Steinhauser, 196; A. L. Kelly, 148; Harry Jones, 196; J. Q. Blowers, 32; E. T. Bodley, 194; T. G. Britt, 200; Frank Weyer, 123; Daniel West, 23; West and Britt nominated, and Steinhauser and Jones elected.
City committee—Raymond Bauer, 470.

Fifth Ward.
First branch council—Charles F. Bachman, 248; E. E. Metzger, 120; Bachman majority, 128.

Second branch council—William Nesbitt, 244; W. H. Buecy, 241; D. H. Taylor, 157; C. Z. Dally, 39; W. H. Woodruff, 52; A. F. Gasmler, 48; J. D. McFadden, 244; Huebelle, 62; Nesbitt, Buecy and McFadden nominated.
City committee—Charles H. Henning, 358.

Sixth Ward.
First branch council—W. J. Cooke, 249; Henry Kern, 243; Charles Dowler, 172; G. E. Wilkinson, 167; Kern and Cooke tied.

Second branch council—J. C. Medick, 569; Charles Moore, 553; E. W. Raymond, 136; John Bartolis, 299; George Humphrey, 87; Fred Boyne, 202; John Koller, 154; Charles Earp, 548; W. J. Higgins, 166; J. H. Rosenberg, 372; H. E. Boyd, 217; C. A. Helmbricht, 225; A. D. Howe, 192; George Wagoner, 182; Jacob Retzer, 372; Medick, Moore, Earp, Rosenberg and Retzer nominated.

City committee—O. E. Reed, 391; John W. Kite, 268; Reed elected.

Seventh Ward.
First branch council—W. M. Baird, 599.

Second branch council—George Bradbury, 239; W. H. Higgins, 322; J. W. Connolly, 170; W. P. Mcgrail, 311; J. H. Devore, 113; W. C. Brown, 203; Lee H. Haman, 120; Robert Cowan, 65; Alex. Farney, 121; Bradbury, Higgins and Mcgrail nominated.

City committee—W. C. Ezler, 589.

Eighth Ward.
First branch council—F. C. Williams, 612; H. W. Schrebe, 310; Williams nominated.

Second branch council—J. R. Travis, 400; R. W. Miller, 455; Edward Ratcliffe, 243; Albert Orum, 222; Fred Blum, 197; Daniel Braun, 296; W. P. Rose, 117; George Bell, 257; Robert Earp, 127; Matthew Hercules, 223; Conrad Uttermoehlen, 131; David Hahne, 296; William Knoke, 403; James Hammond, 143; Travis, Miller, Knoke and Hahne nominated.

City committee—Frank Edele, 931.

WHO THEY ARE.

Mayor—John Randolph Butts.

John R. Butts was born on Sixteenth street, August 31, 1842, and has passed his days in Wheeling. He received a common school education and was one of the brightest in his class. He left school early and accepted his first position in a brick yard, after which he was bellboy at the McLure house. He left this position to drive a team, hauling brick from the brick yard. He has been engaged in the brick business ever since. He is one of the best known contractors in the city, and is a member of the firm of Butts & Britt, bricklayers and contractors. He has served the city in the first branch of council nearly two years and has left a record of credit in every transaction.

Chief of Police—Thomas D. Bennett.

Captain Thomas D. Bennett was born on the present site of the Masonic Temple, on Market street, October 20, 1847. He was educated at the old Fifth ward school, where he studied until he was ten years old. He left school to help support a large family of sisters and brothers. He went to work at Hamilton's foundry, where he was employed until 1864, when he entered the army. He served as a soldier until the close of the war, when he accepted a position as puddler at the Riverside iron works. He worked at this trade until his election as chief of police in 1881. He served in this capacity for four years. When he retired he went to work at the Riverside and remained there until he was elected chief of police again two years ago. He has given the city an administration above reproach, and no police force has ever given greater satisfaction than the present one.

City Clerk—Charles H. Watkins.

Charles H. Watkins was born on Wheeling Island, Ohio county, Virginia, on March 19, 1842, and is one of the best known residents of Wheeling. His father was a river man and is known all along the Ohio valley as one of the best pilots of his day. He ran ferries between the wharf and the island, before the suspension bridge was built, and afterwards became toll taker on the bridge. Mr. Watkins was educated in the public schools and finished a course of book-keeping at Duff's college, Pittsburgh. When the war broke out he answered his country's call and went to the front as a member of Carroll's battery. He was a faithful soldier and was captured after about two years' service and held at Belle Isle for some time. He was honorably discharged and at the close of the war accepted a position as book-keeper in the National bank of West Virginia, where he remained for over six years. Since that time he has been book-keeper for several firms on Main street. Mr. Watkins enjoys the distinction of being the oldest continuous resident living on the island, and the house in which he was born on South Front street, still stands.

Wharfmaster—John W. Norrington.

John W. Norrington, the present wharfmaster, was born at Cresskilltown, Md., March 9, 1851, and one year later he was brought to Wheeling by his parents, who later moved on a farm near the Baltimore & Ohio road, where they lived until John was fourteen years of age. His mother died when he had reached this age, and young Norrington decided to start out in the world to make a living. He first went to Bellah, where he learned the clear making trade with F. Becker. He came to Wheeling in 1869 and went to work at M. Marsh's factory, where he worked most of the time ever since. He received the Republican nomination for wharfmaster in 1894, and ran against Fred Huseman, now deceased, and was elected by 903 votes.

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